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## AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated September 6, 2006. It is proposed to amend the above-referenced patent application as set forth below.

Please amend claim 13 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 and 3 of this response.